**WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.**

The meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Sarah Smith, Vice-Chair
Jimmy Gianato (via phone)
Elaine Harris (via phone)
Dr. Jan Fox
Sonia Chambers
Michael Keleman
B.K. Fulton (via phone)
Kyle Schafer

Additional participants:

Howard Teicher (via phone)
Boris Kilimnik (via phone)
Terrell Ellis
Emiel "Butch" Butcher
Terry Smarr
Billy Jack Gregg (via phone)
Brandy Messer (via phone)
John Baisden (via phone)
John Caldwell (via phone)
Mark Polen
Andrea Rayl

After a quorum was established, Vice-Chair Sarah Smith welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order.

**Business**

Vice-Chair Smith asked for the approval of the minutes from the August meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council.  The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

**Other Business**

Vice-Chair Smith gave the Council an update of additions to the Recovery website. There is a database of all applications, summary of known applicants in West Virginia and a summary of the executive summaries. Vice-Chair Smith also shared a news article from The Wall Street Journal titled *Regulators Seek to Define 'Broadband.'* Dr.

Fox asked whether required reporting from agencies were available on the recovery website, Jimmy Gianato stated that to his knowledge these reports were not available on the recovery website, but that we might be able to make them available.

**Presentations**

<u>Emiel Butcher, Micrologic</u>, made a presentation on the history and services provided by his company. Mr. Butcher stated that they solely use Motorola Canopy and are self-sufficient on their own network, building and maintaining all their own towers. In 2005 3WLogic was started to market their broadband internet and digital phone services. Micrologic has partnered with law enforcement and Homeland Security in their coverage area, to provide internet services when needed in an emergency. Mr. Butcher indicated that they have submitted a grant application for $2.78 million for rural unserved only, last mile, non-remote for 20 communities in Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Nicholas, Randolph and Upshur counties.

<u>Terrell Ellis, Gilmer/Braxton Research Institute,</u> gave a presentation on the background of the Research Institute. Ms.Ellis stated that the goal of the Gilmer/Braxton Research Institute is to improve broadband access in Braxton and Gilmer Counties. They have partnered with Micrologic to apply for funding through NTIA.

<u>Howard Teicher, and Boris Kilimnik, Expand Networks,</u> presented a webinar on the history of and technology available from Expand Networks. They explained how WAN optimization technology can turn low-speed, high-latency links into broadband capable services. Mr. Teicher and Mr. Kilimnik gave a live demonstration of the core technologies available through Expand Networks that allow customers to use their existing infrastructure to achieve greater download/upload speeds.

**Other Business**

No other business.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

The next meeting will be noticed for October 15, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.